

# Military, Law Enforcement News, and More...

## Members of 61st Medical Battalion of Tennessee State Guard in Smyrna for annual four-day training event

SMYRNA, Members of the 61st Medical Battalion, Tennessee State Guard, gathered in Smyrna October 26-29 for their annual four-day training event.

Most members work in the medical field day-to-day as physicians, nurses, paramedics, emergency medical technicians and medical support staff. While they train as local teams in each region once a month, this annual training as a group ensures the all-volunteer force is prepared to aid their fellow citizens in the event of a disaster or emergency. This year's scenario involved a

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Members of the 61st Medical Battalion are shown here in intense training in a simulated tornado event. (Photo/Courtesy: TN State Guard)

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As part of the Tennessee Military Department, the 61st

MEDBN works alongside the Tennessee National Guard, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, Tennessee Department of Health, and the civilian medical community, so practicing the processes involved in tracking patients, communicating

among agencies, maintaining organization under strain, and following care directives results in the most effective disaster medical response.

The 61st Medical Battalion is accepting new members to join the

mission and being ready to respond when needed. If you have medical training, or if you are interested in supporting this effort in other ways, visit <https://www.tn.gov/military/who-we-are/state-guard.html>.

## Federal judge grants injunction in SAF gun show case

BELLEVUE, WA – A federal judge in California has granted a preliminary injunction in a Second Amendment Foundation challenge of two California statutes prohibiting gun shows at the Orange County Fairgrounds and on state-owned property, while denying a requested stay to allow the state time to file an appeal. "This a huge victory for both the First and Second Amendments," said SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb. "We believe the court has sent a clear message to the State of California, Governor Gavin

Newsom and Attorney General Rob Bonta that the constitution trumps their personal animus toward gun owners and the Second Amendment." He was joined by SAF Executive Director Adam Kraut, who observed, "It is refreshing to see a California court correctly apply the law in a challenge that involves firearms. Judge Holcomb's opinion catalogues the unconstitutionality of California's law in an exacting manner, finding it violates the First and Second Amendments, as well as the Equal Protection Clause of

the Fourteenth Amendment. The State's attempt to ban gun shows on state property could not rightfully withstand constitutional scrutiny and we are pleased with the Court's decision." In his opinion, U.S. District Judge John W. Holcomb wrote, "Here, the Court finds sufficient evidence that SB 264 and SB 915 have a viewpoint-discriminatory purpose. Legislative history shows that the goal of the two statutes is to end gun shows in California, and, while the opinions and statements of legislators are not dispositive of viewpoint

discrimination...those statements are circumstantial evidence that the statutes disfavor the lawful commercial speech of firearm vendors." SAF is joined in the case by B&L Productions (Crossroads of the West), the California Rifle & Pistol Association, Asian Pacific American Gun Owners Association, the Second Amendment Law Center and four private citizens. They are represented by attorneys Don Kilmer in Idaho and C.D. Michel, Anna M. Barvir and Tiffany D. Chevront in Michel & Associates in Califor-

nia. The Second Amendment Foundation ([www.saf.org](http://www.saf.org)) is the nation's oldest and largest tax-exempt education, research, publishing and legal action group focusing on the Constitutional right and heritage to privately own and possess firearms. Founded in 1974, The Foundation has grown to more than 720,000 members and supporters and conducts many programs designed to better inform the public about the consequences of gun control.

## Jordan Brown named to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Watch List

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. – The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame recently announced the 20 watch-list members for the 2024 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Award and Memphis' Jordan Brown was among the honorees.

Named after Class of 1995 Hall of Famer and three-time NCAA Champion Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, the annual honor in its 10th year recognizes the top center in men's college basketball. A national committee of top college basketball personnel determined the watch list of 20 candidates.

Brown transferred to Memphis in July after spending the last two seasons at Louisiana. The 6-foot-11 big man played in 60 games

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for the Ragin' Cajuns, while starting 57. Last season, Brown averaged 19.3 points, 8.6 rebounds and grabbed a team-leading 10 double-doubles en route to being named first team all-conference and the Sun Belt Tournament MVP.

Brown also was named the Lou Henson Award winner, given annually to the top mid-major player in the country.

Over his two seasons at Louisiana, the Roseville, California native averaged 17.5 points and 8.6 boards per game.

"The centers on the Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Award watch list should feel tremendously proud of all they have accomplished to be associated with one of the greatest players basketball has ever seen," said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. "We are honored to have Kareem

Abdul-Jabbar's perspective when evaluating talent each year, and we encourage the fans to vote alongside Kareem throughout this process."

### 2024 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Award Candidates\*

- Oumar Ballo – Arizona
- Johni Broome – Auburn
- Ryan Kalkbrenner – Creighton
- Kel'el Ware – Indiana
- Hunter Dickinson – Kansas
- Aaron Bradshaw – Kentucky
- Jordan Brown – Memphis
- Dawson Garcia – Minnesota
- Armando Bacot – North Carolina
- Jamarion Sharp – Ole Miss
- N'Faly Dante – Oregon

- Zach Edey – Purdue
- Clifford Omoruyi – Rutgers
- Joel Soriano – St. John's
- Aday Mara – UCLA
- Donovan Clingan – UCONN
- Josh Cohen – UMass
- Branden Carlson – Utah
- Eric Dixon – Villanova
- Jesse Edwards – West Virginia

\*Players can play their way onto and off the list at any point in the 2023-24 season.

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